

REMARKS

The Examiner has stated that claims 2-7, 9 and 11-21 would be allowable. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being unpatentable over Chappell et al. (U.S. Patent 5,542,067). Applicants respectfully suggest the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 and 8 is now moot in light of Applicants' cancellation of claims 1 and 8.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 09-0456.

Respectfully submitted,
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